GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:401
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POWERS TO PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to minimise the control of State Governments over the Panchayati Raj Institutions;

(b) if so, whether the States and Union Territories propose to delegate power to the Panchayati Raj Institutions in respect of the subjects listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution;

(c) whether any directives have been issued to States/UTs in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.401 due for Answer on 21st August, 2001

(a) to (e): A Conference of Ministers of Panchayati Raj of the States was held on 11th July, 2001 at New Delhi in which it was, inter alia, resolved that State Government intervention/control over Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) should be minimized. It was also agreed in the Conference that the States and Union Territories would devolve functions upon PRIs in respect of the 29 Subjects listed in the XI Schedule and issue executive instructions devolving specific executive powers upon each tier of Panchayats.

2. The Chief Ministers of States and Administrators of Union Territories have been requested to implement the Conclusions reached at the Conference within the time -frames agreed upon during the discussions.